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SUBJECT: (Optional) Release to Contractors of DCID No. 1/16				
FROM: Chairman, Computer Security Subcommittee		EXTENSION	NO.	
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1. Chairman, USIB Security Committee		5/15/73		<p>25X1</p> <p>1 to 4</p> <p>#6B approved -</p> <p>we should shoot</p> <p>for conversion of</p> <p>DCID/1/16 into</p> <p>a Contractors manual</p> <p>25X1</p>
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, USIB Security Committee

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1. Since the promulgation in January 1971 of Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/16 "Security of Compartmented Computer Operations", an occasional request has been received in the Intelligence Community requesting release of the Directive to a contractor for use in satisfying the security requirements of compartmented information. To date these requests have been handled by paraphrasing the contents of the Directive.

2. Recently a request from [] has been received by me suggesting that the contents of DCID No. 1/16 would be extremely useful in the study effort being undertaken by [] with reference to the problems of computer system security and testing.

3. Also, the DIA member of the Computer Security Subcommittee informed me on 7 May of a [] request to DIA for a copy of DCID No. 1/16 to serve as a basis for developing adequate computer security in support of compartmented projects.

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4. In my opinion the substantive content of DCID No. 1/16 contains no classified material. Its application to "sensitive compartmented information" is the principal reason for a contextual viewpoint for its classification. Of more significance from a dissemination standpoint, however, is the fact that DCI Directives are distributed only under very strict controls.

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5. I believe broader dissemination of DCID No. 1/16 is in the interest of the Intelligence Community and specifically useful

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in improving the security of compartmented computer operations. I feel, therefore, that some method should be developed whereby the substance of the Directive can be freely made available to Intelligence Community contractors involved in the security of compartmented computer operations.

6. Two avenues of release are possible:

a. Release of DCID No. 1/16 Itself:

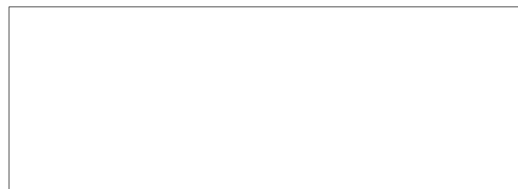
Appropriate approval could be obtained to release the Directive in its current form to contractors involved in compartmented computer operations. This could be accomplished on a selective basis through normal compartmented control officers.

b. Preparation and Release of a "Sanitized" DCID No. 1/16:

The Directive could be purged of its DCID format, remain classified Confidential, and released by USIB members to contractors as required.

7. In view of the applicability of DCID No. 1/16 to compartmented computer processing, the "sanitization" option accomplishes little other than removal of the DCID format. It is suggested that the most profitable route is to obtain DCI approval to release the Directive as outlined in paragraph 6 a above.

8. Your guidance is requested.



Chairman
Computer Security Subcommittee

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